

Dear Lonely Heart

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WINNING HER
WAS LIKE WINNING
A MILLION DOLLARS...
AND JUST AS
DIFFICULT...
FOR SHE WAS
"EVERYBODY'S
DARLING"!





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LOVE WITH PROTEST



EVERYONE
THOUGHT TOM
AND I WOULD
BE MARRIED
SOME DAY,
BUT IT WASN'T
TO BE!

TOM MEANT EVERYTHING TO ME ONCE... BEFORE WE HAD THAT QUARREL AND HE WENT AWAY... ONLY TO COME BACK WITH A WIFE... BUT THAT WAS OVER A YEAR AGO... WHEN HE CALLED AND INVITED ME TO MEET HIM FOR DINNER, I WAS AMAZED... I KNOW I SHOULDN'T HAVE SAID NO... BUT I COULDN'T RESIST...

MARY...

OH, TOM...
HELLO...

YOU'RE MORE BEAUTIFUL THAN
EVER, MARY. I THOUGHT I WAS
SPITING YOU... I SHOULDN'T
HAVE DONE IT...

IT'S A
LITTLE LATE
FOR THAT, TOM...



WOULD THERE
BE A CHANCE
FOR ME AGAIN
IF I...

YOU'RE MARRIED
AND THAT'S THAT.
I SHOULDN'T
HAVE AGREED
TO MEET YOU
TONIGHT...



AS SOON AS WE FINISHED DINNER, I ASKED TO BE TAKEN HOME... IT WAS A WRETCHED EVENING AND I REALIZED WHAT A MISTAKE I HAD MADE IN SEEING HIM... AFTER ALL HE BELONGED TO ANOTHER NOW...

MAY I COME INTO YOUR APARTMENT... LIKE OLD TIMES, DARLING?

NO, TOM... IT'S LATE... AND I'M TIRED...



I'M NOT REALLY TIRED, BUT THERE WASN'T ANY POINT IN BEING WITH HIM... OH, DEAR, WHO COULD THAT BE AT THIS HOUR?



Y-YOU MUST BE TOM'S WIFE!

I AM, I'M JUDY QUINN... MAY I TALK WITH YOU PLEASE, MISS PERRY?



SO THIS WAS
TOM'S WIFE...
AND WHAT DID
SHE WANT WITH
ME? - SHE WAS
SUCH A SWEET-
SPOKEN GIRL
AND SHE
LOOKED SO
UNHAPPY...

I- I KNOW YOU WERE WITH
TOM THIS EVENING, MISS
PERRY. HE- HE LOVES YOU...
AND I DON'T KNOW WHAT
TO DO ABOUT IT...

HE OI'D LOVE ME
ONCE, MRS. QUINN,
BUT I HAVE NO
INTENTIONS OF
SEEING HIM AGAIN...
EVER...

TELL ME WHAT TO
DO, TOM MEANS SO
MUCH TO ME. I'D DO
ANYTHING FOR
HIS HAPPINESS...

JUST AT THAT POINT THE DOOR
OPENEO AGAIN AND A YOUNG MAN
RUDELY WALKEO RIGHT IN...

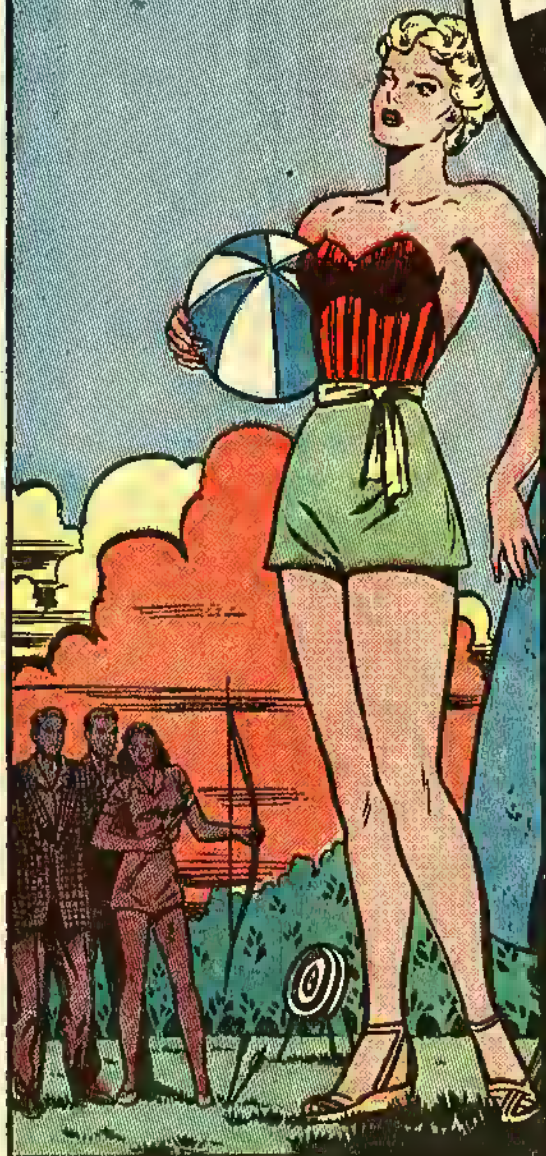
GARY! THIS IS
MY BROTHER,
MISS PERRY!

I CAME TO
TAKE YOU
HOME, JUDY!

H-HOW
DO YOU
DO.

I SINCERELY HAD NO INTENTIONS OF SEEING TOM AGAIN, BUT IT WASN'T LONG AFTER AT THE LOCAL BEACH CLUB...

OH! THE THREE OF THEM! THEY'LL THINK I CAME HERE DELIBERATELY.



GOT TO GET AWAY...



OHHH!



THE
UNEXPECTED,
SEARING
HURT FROM
THE ARROW
THREW ME
TO THE
GROUND...
AND WITH A
CRY THEY
RAN TO MY
SIDE...



I'M ALL
RIGHT...
BUT MY
ARM...

MISS PERRY! I-I DIDN'T MEAN
IT!
IT WAS AN ACCIDENT,
MISS PERRY! YOU RAN
RIGHT ACROSS THE
RANGE!



STEADY NOW... I'M GOING
TO REMOVE THE ARROW...

LET ME GET A
DOCTOR, GARY!

OHH...

PLEASE PUT ME
DOWN. I CAN
WALK...

YOU'RE WHITE AS
A GHOST! I'LL
TAKE YOU HOME...

GARY KING TOOK ME HOME AND I'LL ADMIT I FELT SHAKY ON MY FEET, BUT MY ARM WASN'T AS PAINFUL AS MIGHT BE EXPECTED... A DOCTOR FIXED ME UP IN NO TIME...

SHE GAVE US QUITE A SCARE, DOCTOR.

SHE'LL BE FINE. I'LL TAKE ANOTHER LOOK AT THE WOUND TOMORROW.

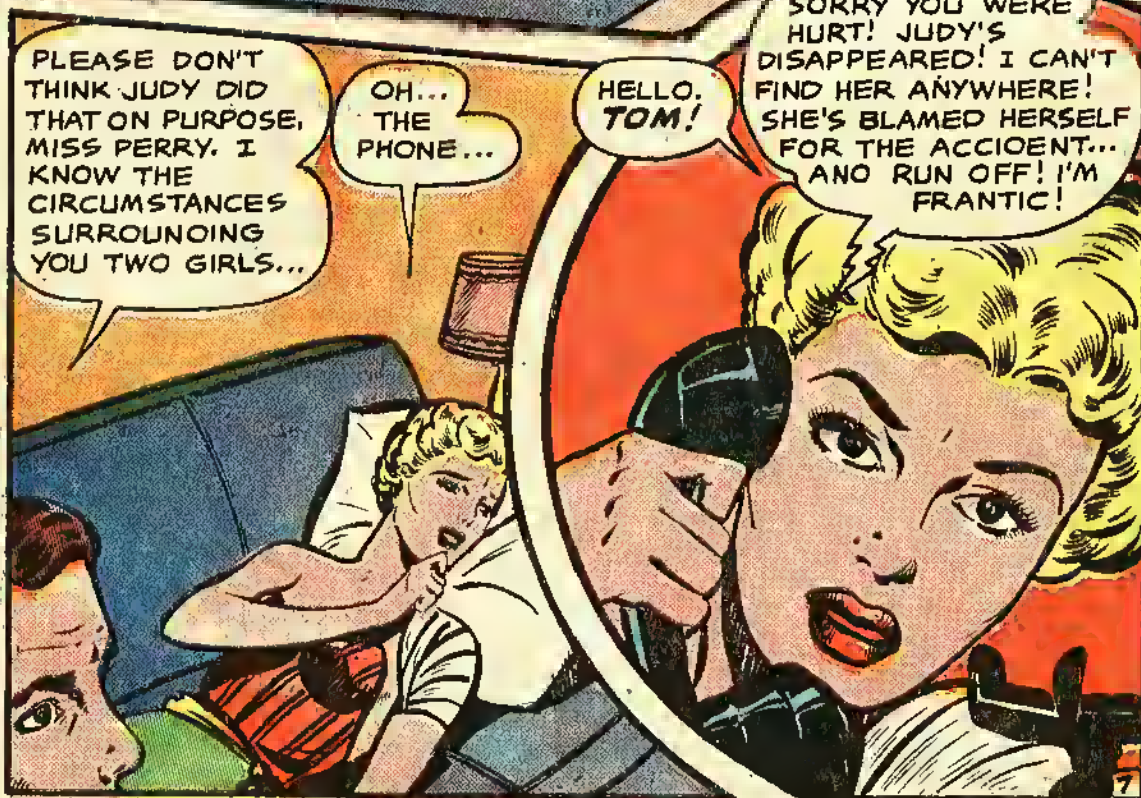


PLEASE DON'T THINK JUDY DID THAT ON PURPOSE, MISS PERRY. I KNOW THE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING YOU TWO GIRLS...

OH... THE PHONE...

HELLO. TOM!

MARY, I'M SO SORRY YOU WERE HURT! JUDY'S DISAPPEARED! I CAN'T FIND HER ANYWHERE! SHE'S BLAMED HERSELF FOR THE ACCIDENT... AND RUN OFF! I'M FRANTIC!



I WAS ABOUT TO PASS THE MESSAGE ON TO JUDY'S BROTHER, BUT WHEN I TURNED TO SPEAK I WAS TAKEN BACK BY THE LOOK OF SHEER CONTEMPT FLASHING IN HIS EYES...

WHAT KIND OF GIRL ARE YOU? THAT'S MY SISTER'S HUSBAND!

GARY! REALLY!

I'D LIKE TO EXPLAIN WHY HE CALLED HERE! WAIT...

NO, THANK YOU! I'M GLAD I FOUND OUT JUST WHAT YOU'RE REALLY LIKE! I WAS BEGINNING TO ADMIRE YOU!

GOT TO FIND JUDY! OH, MY ARM IS BEGINNING TO THROB! AND GARY WAS SO RUDE... BUT HE THOUGHT... OH DEAR... WHAT A SITUATION!



I'M NOT A
DETECTIVE, BUT
I DID KNOW
JUDY CAME
FROM A SMALL
WESTERN TOWN
AND IT SEEMED
LOGICAL
THAT SHE'D
BE TAKING A
TRAIN TO
RETURN THERE.
THAT'S WHAT
I WOULD HAVE
DONE... AND
MY HUNCH
WAS A
LUCKY ONE.
I MET HER
AT THE
STATION...

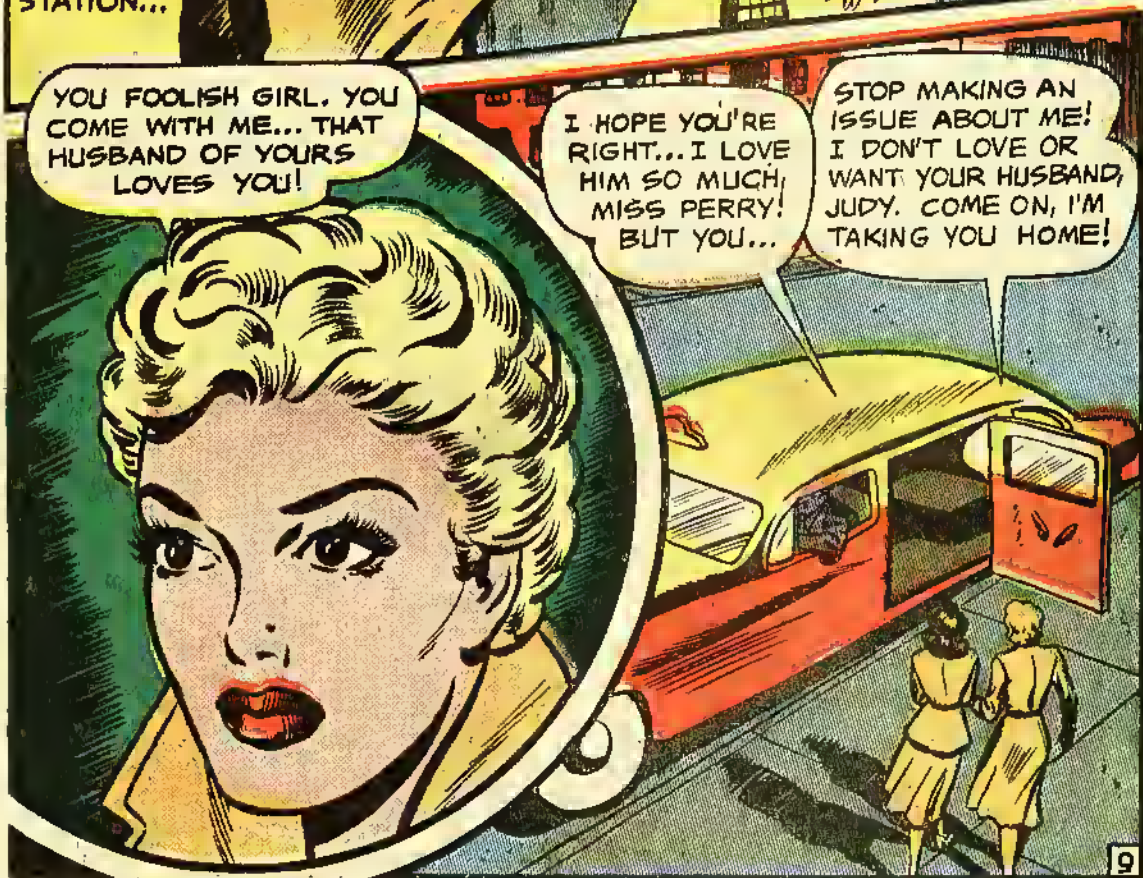
JUDY! YOU MUSTN'T RUN
OFF LIKE THIS! TOM IS
FRANTIC! HE'S SEARCHING
EVERYWHERE FOR YOU!

M-MISS PERRY! HOW
CAN TOM EVER FORGIVE
ME? HE'LL THINK I
WOUNDED YOU OUT
OF JEALOUSY!

YOU FOOLISH GIRL, YOU
COME WITH ME... THAT
HUSBAND OF YOURS
LOVES YOU!

I HOPE YOU'RE
RIGHT... I LOVE
HIM SO MUCH,
MISS PERRY!
BUT YOU...

STOP MAKING AN
ISSUE ABOUT ME!
I DON'T LOVE OR
WANT YOUR HUSBAND,
JUDY. COME ON, I'M
TAKING YOU HOME!



I DID
GET JUDY TO
GO HOME,
BUT WHEN I
RETURNED
TO MY
APARTMENT,
TOM AND
GARY WERE
THERE IN
THE LOBBY
WAITING
FOR ME...

MARY! DID YOU
HEAR FROM HER?
DID YOU SEE HER?
WE LOOKED
EVERYWHERE...

SHE'S HOME, TOM,
WAITING FOR YOU.

HOME?

I'VE BEEN A FOOL,
MARY, BUT YOU'VE BEEN
WONDERFUL. WE WON'T
FORGET YOU FOR ALL
YOU'VE DONE...

GOODBYE,
TOM... AND
GOOD LUCK
TO YOU
BOTH!

WOULD YOU HAVE
DINNER WITH ME? I
WANT TO HAVE PLENTY
OF TIME TO APOLOGIZE
TO YOU, MARY.

THAT'S THE
WAY TO TALK,
FELLOW!

ALL
RIGHT,
GARY...

IT WAS STRANGE THAT A SCENE WAS REPEATING ITSELF... THE SAME RESTAURANT... EVEN THE SAME TABLE... BUT TWO THINGS WERE DIFFERENT NOW... THE MAN AND THE WAY I FELT IN MY HEART...

HELLO,
MARY.

GOOD
EVENING...

LET'S NOT
STAY HERE...
I WANT TO GO
SOMEPLACE
ALONE WITH
YOU...



YOU REALLY SHOULDN'T FORGIVE ME FOR THE THINGS I SAID, MARY. I KNOW TOM LOVED YOU ONCE, AND...

AND HE MARRIED JUDY. SO YOU SEE IT WASN'T REALLY ME...

THAT WAS A LONG TIME AGO, GARY. TOM AND I WEREN'T MEANT TO BE. OH, GARY...

MARY, DARLING, I THINK I'VE BEEN JEALOUS OF TOM... AFRAID HE MEANT SOMETHING TO YOU WHEN I WANTED IT TO BE ME YOU CARED FOR!



I DO, GARY. I CARE VERY MUCH... I LOVE YOU.

AND I LOVE YOU, MARY... I WANT YOU TO MARRY ME...



YES, I MET MY TRUE LOVE UNDER STRANGE CIRCUMSTANCES, BUT WHO CAN TELL WHERE OR WHEN THE REAL THING WILL COME ALONG... AND WHEN IT DOES, YOU'LL KNOW IT AS CERTAIN AS I KNOW MY NAME, MRS. GARY KING!

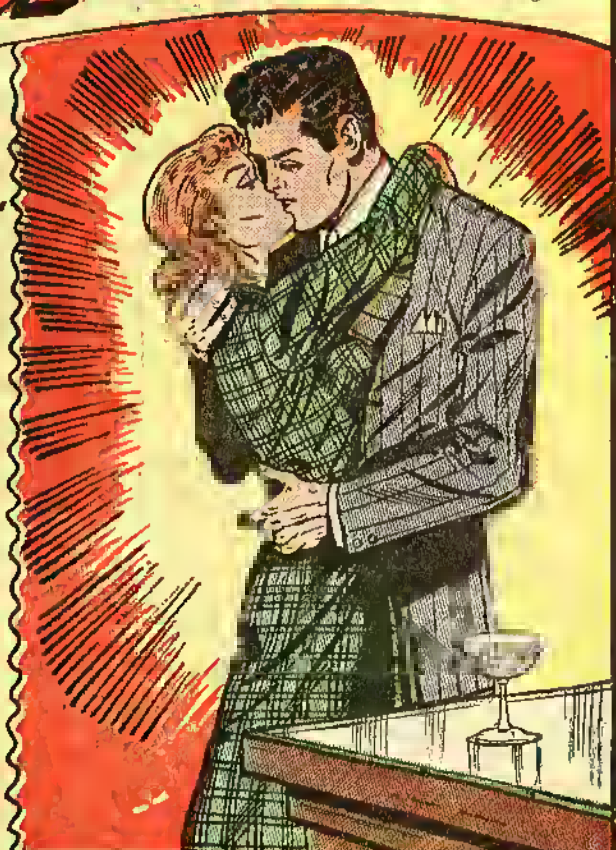
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The ORIGIN OF MARRIAGE Customs!

"HONEYMOON"

IS DERIVED FROM
THE EARLY CUSTOM OF
PROVIDING A NEWLY-
WEDDED COUPLE WITH
A HONEY-LIKE WINE
FOR **ONE MONTH**
AFTER THE MARRIAGE!

THUS... THE
COMBINATION OF
"HONEY" AND **"MOON"**...
(MONTH)



ORIGINALLY
THE **BRIDAL
VEIL** WAS A
SQUARE PIECE
OF CLOTH HELD
OVER THE BRIDE'S
FACE DURING
THE CEREMONY...
TO
**HIDE HER
BLUSHES!**

THE BORNEAN
DYAK BEGINS
HIS COURTING
BY CARRYING A
LOAD of WOOD

FOR THE GIRL
OF HIS CHOICE!

THAT'S HIS
NOTIFICATION OF

**SERIOUS
INTENTIONS!**



AMONG THE AMAZON HEAD-HUNTERS NO
MAN IS ALLOWED TO **MARRY** UNTIL HE HAS
KILLED A **CROCODILE** BARE-HANDED...
AND THEN PROCURED AT LEAST ONE
HUMAN HEAD AS A TOKEN
OF HIS VALOR!

ETIQUETTE WAS SO
STRICT DURING
VICTORIAN DAYS IN
ENGLAND...THAT
A REGULATION WAS
PASSED PROHIBITING
THE PLACING OF A
BOOK WRITTEN
BY A **FEMALE**
AUTHOR NEXT TO
ONE BY A **MALE!**



THE WIFE OF
A PARISIAN
NOBLEMAN
BECAME A
MOTHER
AT THE AGE
OF **90!**
(DEC. 1742)



HIERONYMUS

...OF ROME
MARRIED **21**
WOMEN... IN HIS
LIFETIME!
HIS 21ST. BRIDE
HAD **20**
HUSBANDS
BEFORE HIM!



Dear Lonely Heart

Dear Lonely Heart: Bill and I used to go steady and now we don't date at all. This is not my problem, because I'm not in love with him, but here is what bothers me: we work in the same place and I see him everyday. He is going with another girl who works there also and I am very embarrassed every time I meet either one of them. What could I do to straighten this situation out?

Peggy

Dear Peggy: There isn't much you can do, except pretend to be quite casual about meeting these people. Remember, the young man probably feels the same way you do, and for that matter, if the girl knows you two kept company, she might also feel uncomfortable on meeting. It is up to you to show that it means nothing to you by your friendly actions. There is no reason to stop speaking to either one of them, for as you said, you do not love him and she obviously didn't take him away from you, did she?

L. H.

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Dear Lonely Heart: I am sixteen and so is my girl friend. She always has dates and I've never had one. We look very much alike so I can't say that she is prettier than I am. What do you think is wrong?

R. H.

Dear R. H.: I don't think anything is wrong and I wouldn't worry about it. Let your girl friend have her dates, I'm sure there are plenty of other interesting things a sixteen year old can find to do with her free time. How about the school games? And your local clubs? You can have fun there . . . and you could chance to meet a prince charming, too! Cheer up and remember when you're a little more grown-up some boy may come along that will be glad you weren't dating during this time that you feel is so important to you.

L. H.

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Dear Lonely Heart: I am being married next fall and my mother insists on a big wedding. When we went over the list of guests I noticed she had included two of my old flames. I don't think this is proper, what do you think?

Bride-to-be

Dear Bride-to-be: If they are friends of your family and if your future husband also knows them, or even if he doesn't I don't see any harm in inviting them. You seem to forget that they aren't important to you any more, you have chosen another. If you're not sure of this, my dear, you're not ready to marry yet.

* * *

Dear Lonely Heart: I like a boy well enough to go steady with him. There is only one thing I can find wrong with him. He is not romantic. I know he loves me, but I wish he could show it a little more. Is there anything I could do to make him romantic?

Betty

Dear Betty: I doubt that there is. You were attracted to him in the beginning without his romantic nature weren't you? I have a feeling that you will find more character in this quiet boy than in another who would sweep you off your feet with a lot of silly love-making. My advice is not to try to change him, but to adjust your own personality to blend with his. Sweet talk isn't everything, Betty, is it?

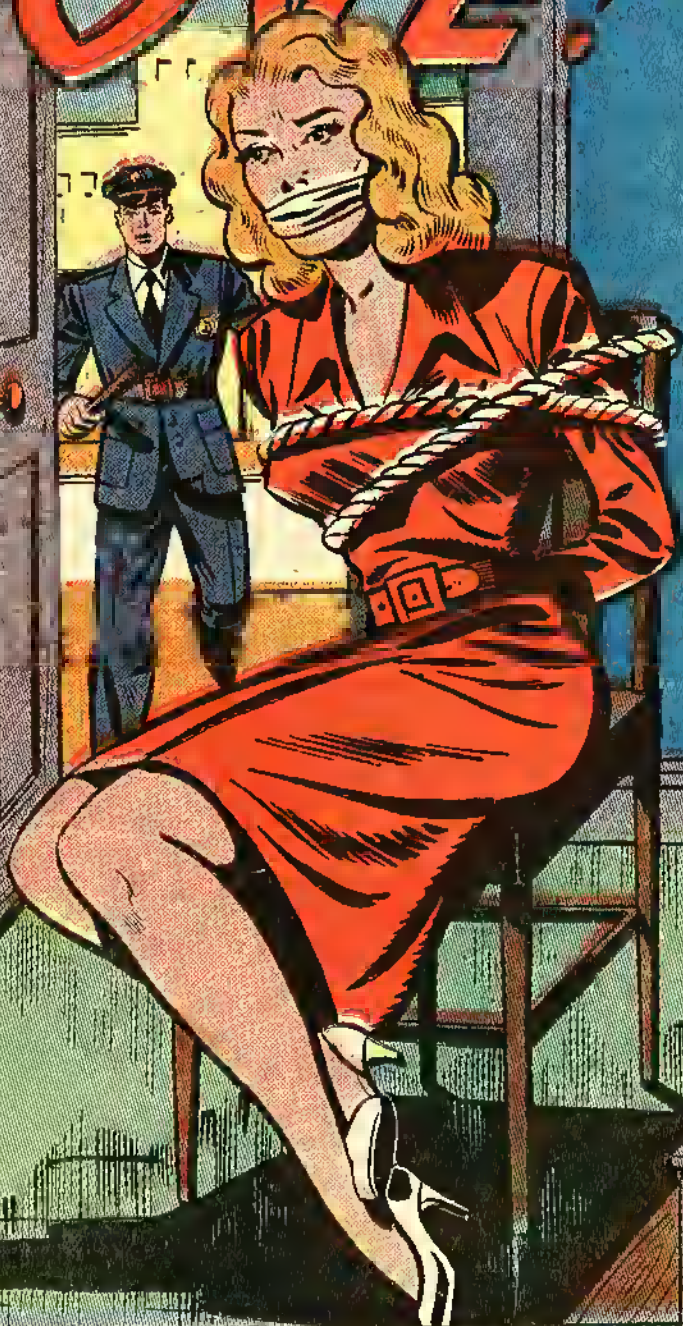
L. H.

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Dear Readers: If I can help you solve a problem don't hesitate to write to me at the below address. All mail is confidential.

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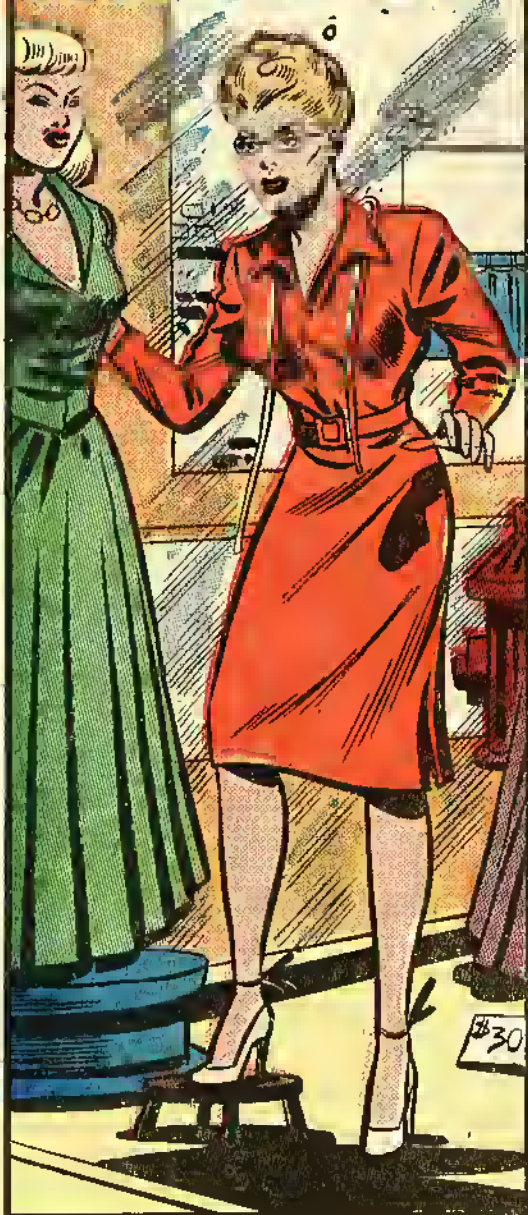
SO THIS IS LOVE!



SOMETIMES I WAS SORRY I HAD MY OWN SHOP...ESPECIALLY ON THE BEAUTIFUL AUTUMN EVENING THAT I HAD TO WORK LATE...

HOLD STILL WOODEN-HEAD! SOMETIMES I THINK I'M THE DUMMY!

DRESS SHOP

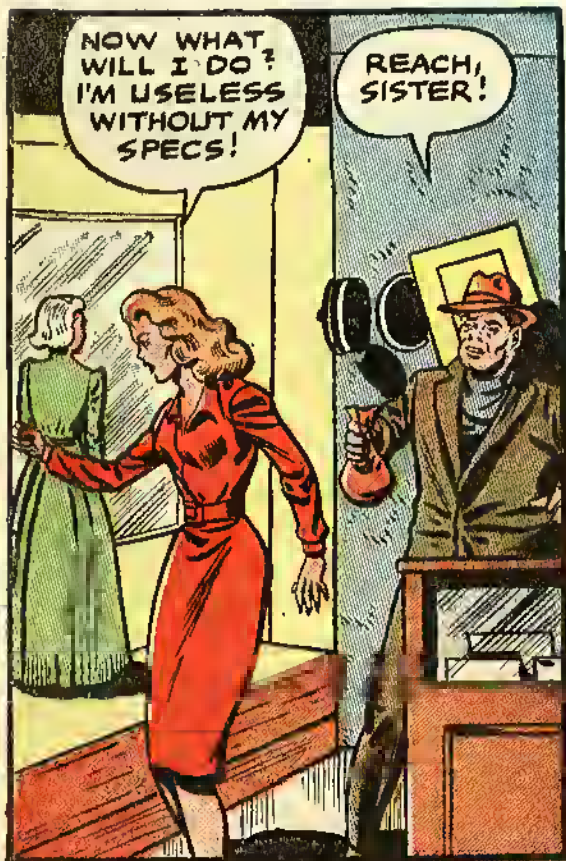


OHH! SHE'S COMING LOOSE FROM THE STAND! AND MY GLASSES!



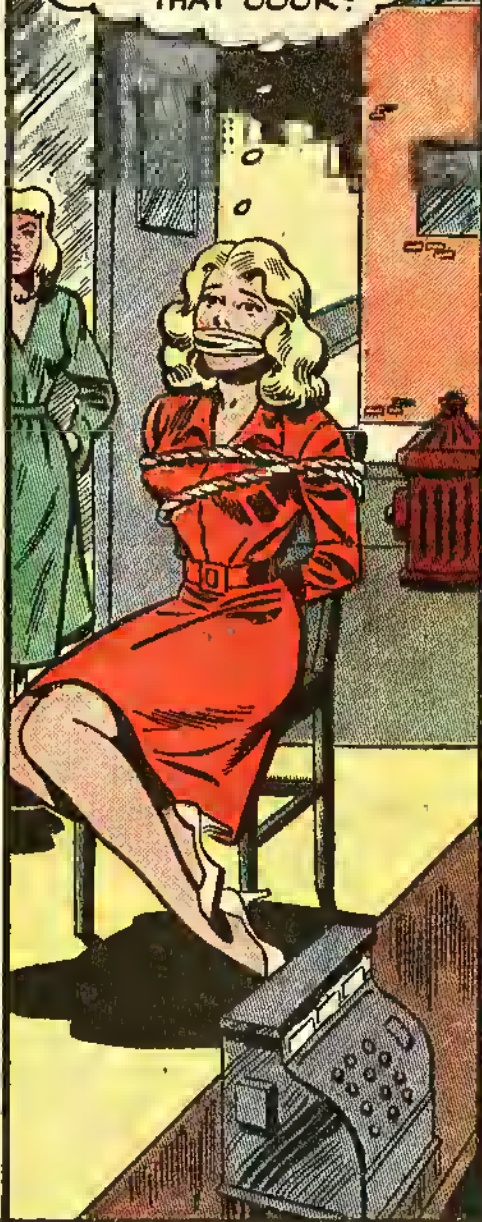
NOW I CAN'T SEE A THING! EEK, MY HAIR! I'M BEING SCALPED!





TRY AWAKENING SITTING IN A CHAIR TRUSSED UP LIKE A SIDE OF BEEF, WITH THE ANVIL CHORUS BEATING TIME IN YOUR HEAD, AND YOU'LL HAVE AN IDEA OF HOW I SOON FELT...

...AND MY MONEY GONE, TOO! OH, KATY SHINE, YOU BIG DOPE! WHY DIDN'T YOU LOCK THAT DOOR?



BUT IN A WAY THAT OPEN DOOR WAS A BREAK, FOR IT ATTRACTED THE PROPER ATTENTION...

OH, WHAT'S THIS?

DRESS SHOP



THERE NOW, YOU'LL BE ALL RIGHT! WHAT HAPPENED, MISS?

IT'S RATHER A SHORT STORY, OFFICER, SHORT AND COSTLY! OHH... MY HEAD!



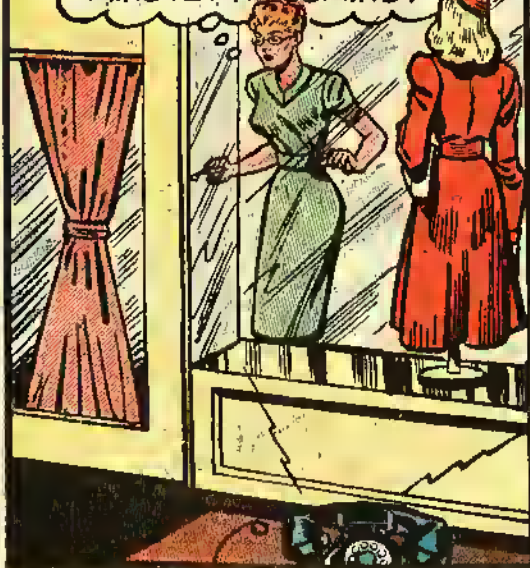
MY
ADVENTURE
GOT ME IN
THE MORNING
PAPERS,
BUT IT DIDN'T
BRING BACK
THE MONEY
I LOST, OR
TAKE THE
BUMP OFF
MY HEAD...

BREAKFAST
DOESN'T TASTE
SO GOOD TODAY,
AND IT WON'T
UNTIL I MAKE
UP ALL MY
LOSSES,
EITHER!

NEVER MIND, MISS SHINE. IT
COULD BE WORSE! WHAT IF
OFFICER MURPHY DIDN'T
COME ALONG? YOU'D
PROBABLY STILL BE
TIED UP!



OFFICER MURPHY, WAS IT!
OHH...MY PHONE... JUST A
MINUTE! I'M COMING!



THIS IS
OFFICER
MURPHY, MISS
SHINE! WE
GOT OUR MAN!
AND YOUR
MONEY, TOO!

YOU DID! OHH,
WONDERFUL! HOW
CAN I THANK YOU?



OFFICER PATRICK MURPHY WAS CUTE. HE SUGGESTED A DINNER DATE TO CELEBRATE MY GOOD FORTUNE, AND I AGREED THAT IT WAS A VERY GOOD IDEA!

I HAVEN'T BEEN OUT IN MONTHS! HOPE HE LIKES MY DRESS. IT'S THE LATEST MODEL I GOT IN...



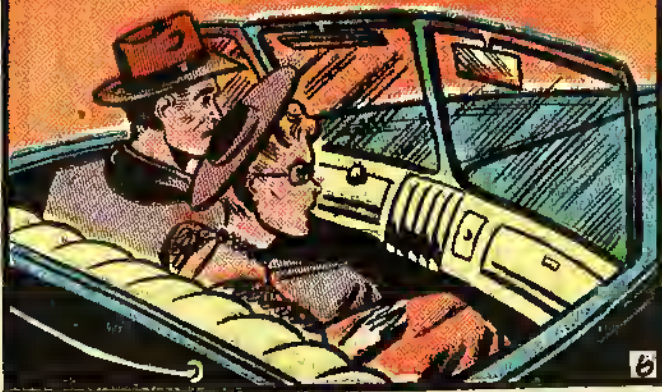
GOOD EVENING, SAY! WHAT HAVE YOU DONE TO YOURSELF? Y-YOU LOOK SO DIFFERENT!

DID YOUR VOICE SINK AS YOU SAID THAT, PATRICK MURPHY?



I KNOW A NICE LITTLE SPOT WAY OUT IN THE COUNTRY I THINK YOU'LL LIKE!

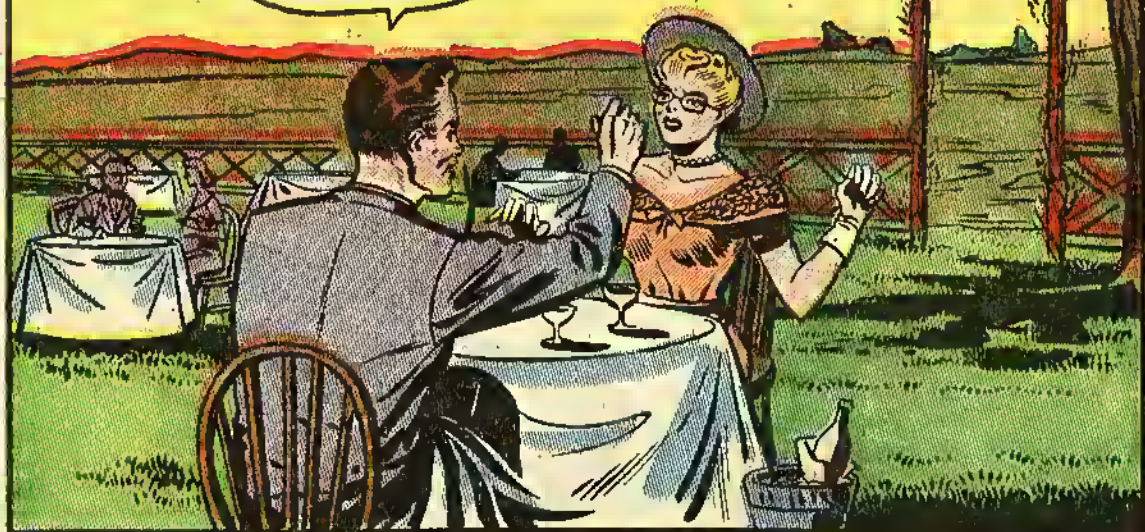
COUNTRY? BUT I THOUGHT WE'D GO TO A CLUB IN TOWN!



I HAD A CERTAIN FEELING THAT WE WENT TO THE COUNTRY FOR A REASON! AND THE REASON WAS THAT OFFICER MURPHY WASN'T ESPECIALLY PLEASSED WITH ME... WHEN I COOLLY MADE THIS SUGGESTION TO HIM, I GOT A READY AND RUDE ANSWER!

EXACTLY!
WHY COVER UP
THOSE TWINKLING
BLUE EYES, FOR
EXAMPLE?

DON'T YOU
DARE TOUCH
MY GLASSES!



AND THAT HAT
LOOKS TERRIBLE!

OH! I
HATE YOU!



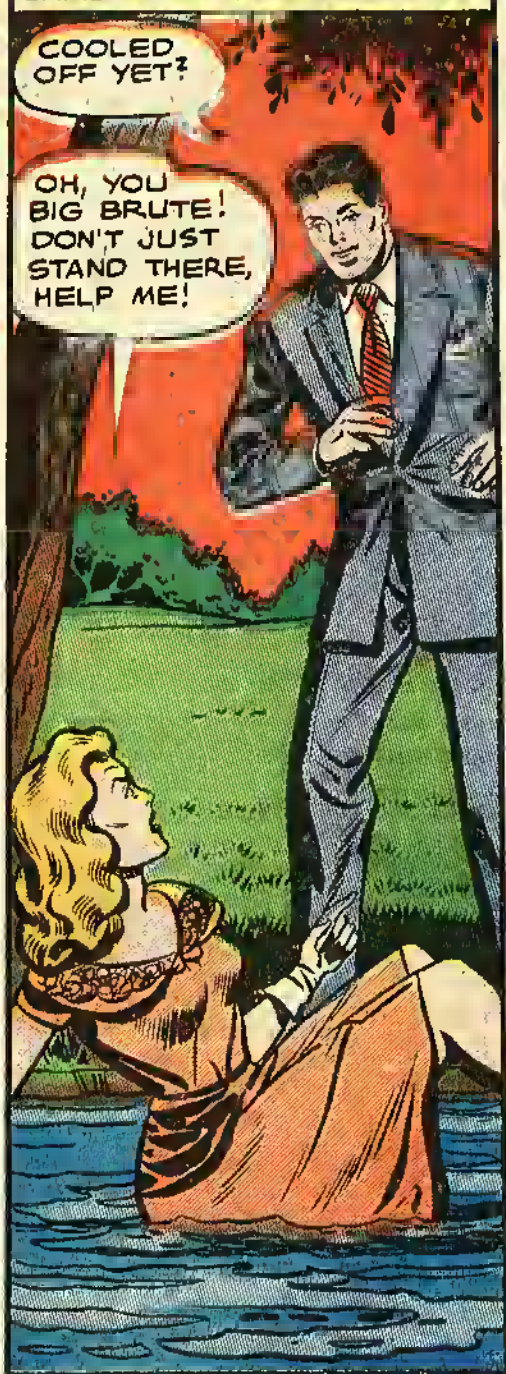
AND I'M SORRY I
BOTHERED TO SEE
YOU AT ALL! OH!



WHY DIDN'T I LOOK WHERE I WAS GOING? IF I LIVE TO BE A HUNDRED, I'LL NEVER FORGET FALLING IN THAT LAKE! OR THE SILLY GRIN ON PATRICK MURPHY'S FACE AS HE CAME TO MY ASSISTANCE...

COOLED OFF YET?

OH, YOU BIG BRUTE! DON'T JUST STAND THERE, HELP ME!



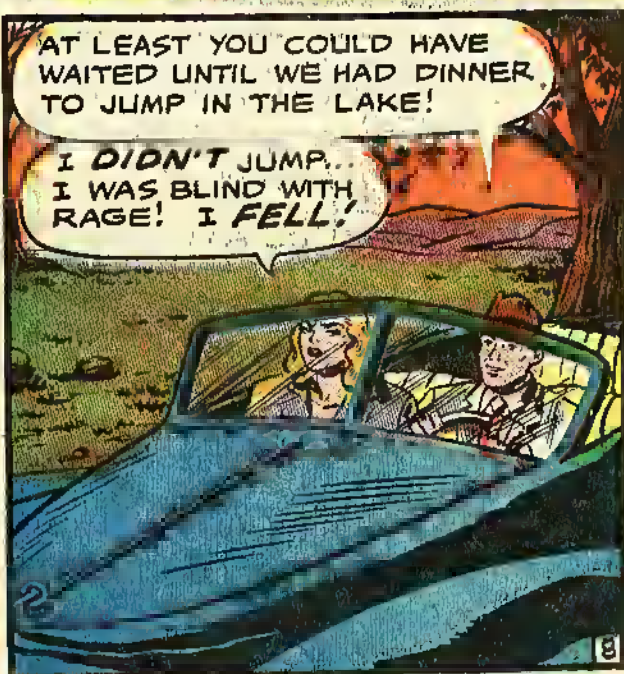
UP YOU GO! NOW YOU LOOK BEAUTIFUL AGAIN! NO GLASSES AND YOUR HAIR DOWN!

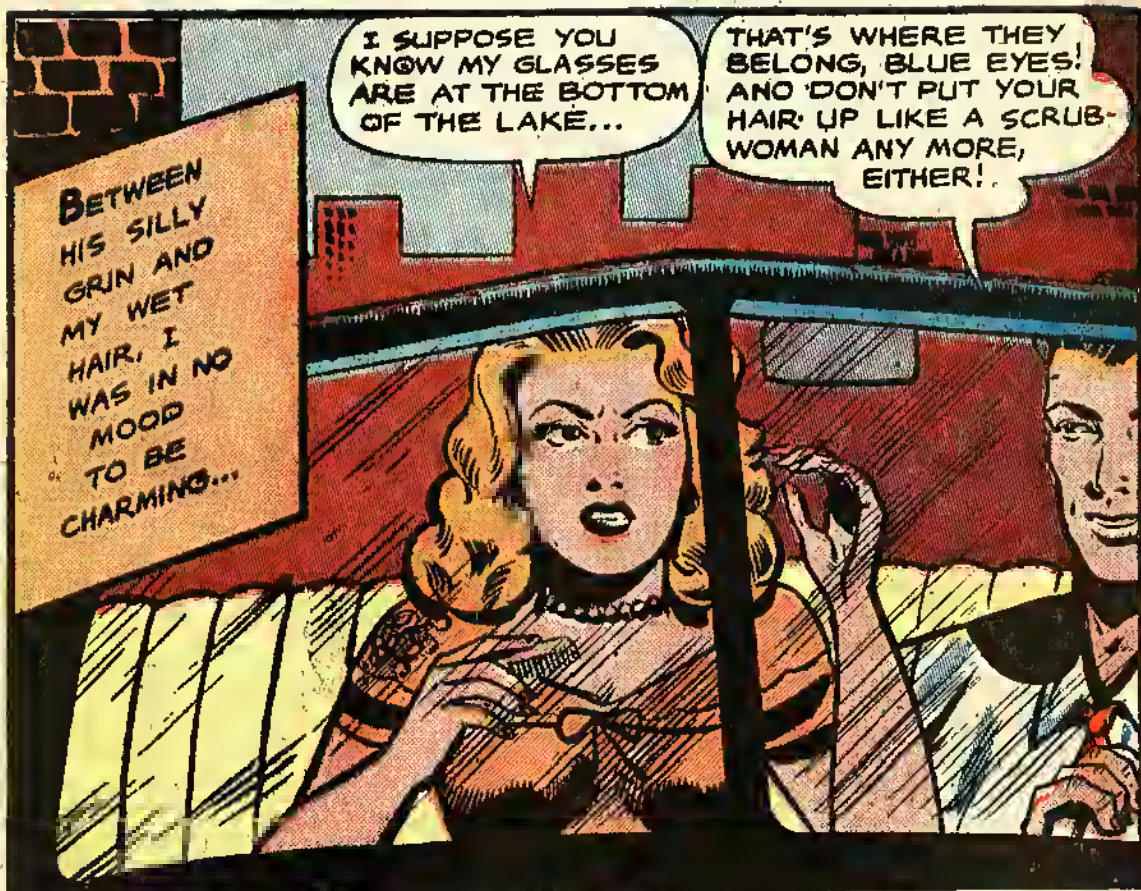
DON'T SPEAK TO ME, MONSTER!



AT LEAST YOU COULD HAVE WAITED UNTIL WE HAD DINNER TO JUMP IN THE LAKE!

I DIDN'T JUMP... I WAS BLIND WITH RAGE! I FELL!





I SPENT MOST OF THE WEEK TELLING MYSELF THAT OFFICER MURPHY WAS RUDE AND A ROGUE AND I'D HAVE NO PART OF HIM... YET WHEN FRIDAY CAME AROUND, I DID DRESS WITH CARE...

NO GLASSES... HAIR DOWN... I HOPE I SUIT HIS HIGHNESS THIS TIME!



NOT THAT I KNOW FOR CERTAIN WHETHER OR NOT HE WAS JOKING ABOUT TONIGHT!



OH! I JUST REMEMBERED! IT'S HIS DAY OFF! HE WON'T BE COMING BY HERE! NO DOUBT HE'LL TELEPHONE FIRST...



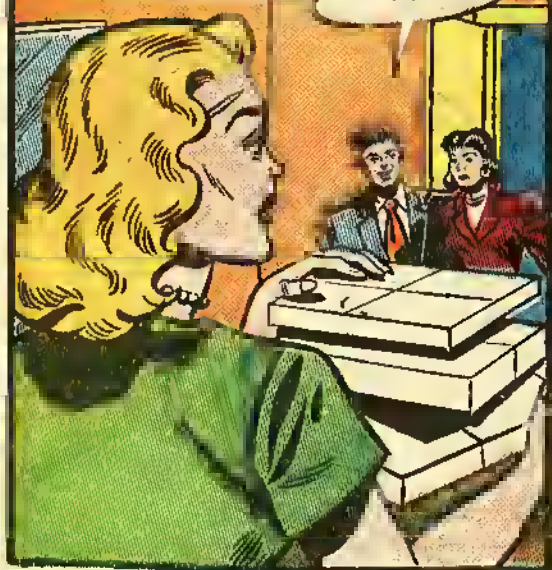
OH, I HAD PATRICK MURPHY FIGURED OUT FROM EVERY ANGLE... BUT ONE... AND THAT WAS THE ONE HE DARED...

DRESS SHOP

WITH ANOTHER GIRL!
HOW COULD HE? A-AND
SHE'S BEAUTIFUL! OH!
HE WOULDN'T DARE
BRING HER IN
HERE! HE WOULDN'T
DARE!



GREETINGS, BLUE EYES!
MY, YOU LOOK RAVISHING
TODAY!



I WANT YOU TO
MEET A FAVORITE
GIRL FRIEND OF
MINE! THIS IS
PEGGY!

HOW DO
YOU DO.



IT SEEMED FAIRLY PLAIN THAT PEGGY DIDN'T REALIZE WHAT KIND OF FRIEND PATRICK MURPHY WAS, SO I JUST TOOK OUT TIME TO ENLIGHTEN HER...

LISTEN TO ME, PEGGY! YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT KIND OF A PERSON PATRICK MURPHY IS, OR YOU'D RUN HOME! HE'LL INSULT YOUR EYES, YOUR HAIR, AND ANYTHING ELSE HE CAN THINK OF JUST TO BE FUNNY!



REALLY?
I ALWAYS
THOUGHT
HE WAS
VERY
NICE!

THAT'S JUST
HIS SLY WAY!
WAIT UNTIL
YOU REALLY
KNOW HIM!

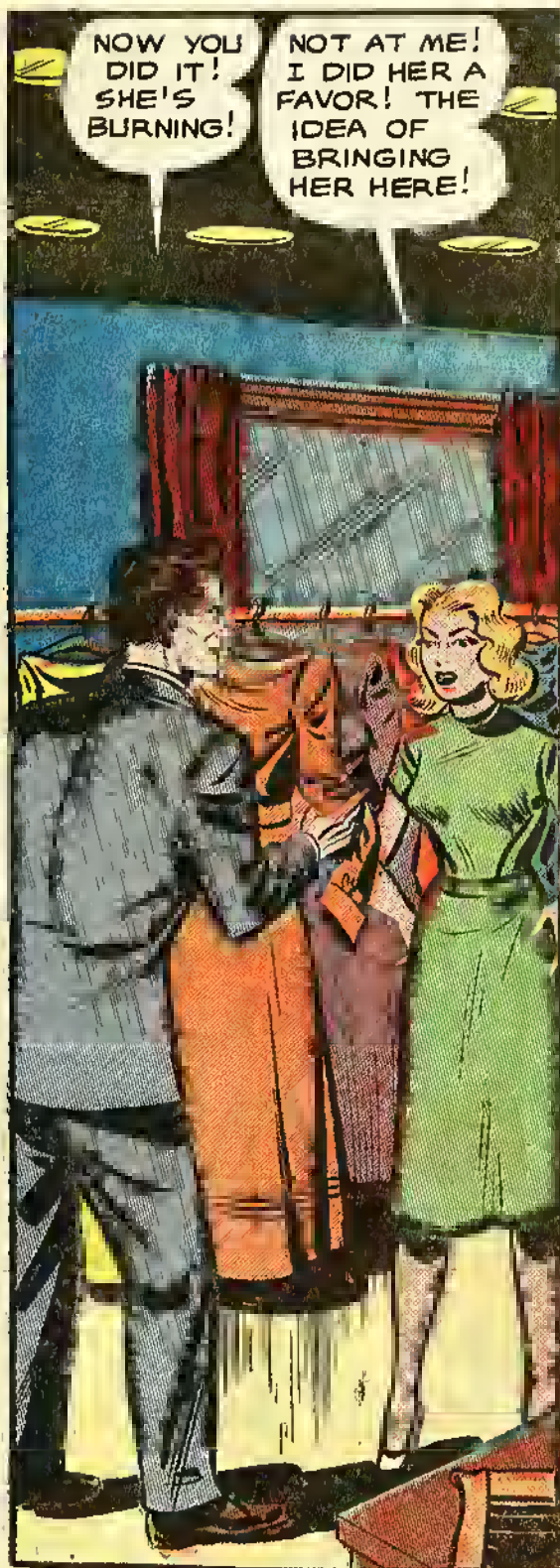


I'VE HEARD
ENOUGH!
GOODBYE!

NOW YOU'RE BEING
WISE, PEGGY! YOU'LL
THANK ME SOME DAY!

I WONDER!





YOU SEE WHAT I MEAN? HE WAS THE HERO ALL THE TIME
AND I WAS JUST A SILLY LITTLE FOOL... IT WAS TOO MUCH...

OH, HONEY, DON'T CRY! I ONLY
WANTED YOU TO MEET HER!

Y-YOU SHOULD
HAVE TOLD ME!
SHE'LL NEVER
FORGIVE ME! I
WAS DREADFUL!



W-WHAT
SHALL I DO,
PATRICK?
I'VE GOT TO
MAKE
AMENDS
SOMEHOW!

WELL NOW,
I'M GLAD
YOU ASKED
ME! I HAVE
JUST THE
SOLUTION!



MARRY ME, THEN YOU'LL BE ONE
OF THE FAMILY! THE MURPHYS
ALWAYS FORGIVE EACH OTHER!
SEE? IT'S SIMPLE!

M-MARRY
YOU!



PATRICK MURPHY WAS A HEADSTRONG MAN AND ONCE HE HAD AN IDEA ABOUT SOMETHING, HE USUALLY GOT HIS OWN WAY! SO WHO WAS I TO CROSS HIM?

OH, PATRICK...



A-AREN'T PEOPLE SUPPOSED TO FALL IN LOVE FIRST?

THEY ARE! I LOVE YOU, KATY... AND I'VE GOT AN IDEA YOU ARE RATHER FOND OF ME, TOO!



OF COURSE, I'D LIKE TO HEAR IT FROM YOUR OWN SWEET LIPS, DARLING!

I LOVE YOU, PATRICK MURPHY!



TOO YOUNG FOR Love!

HOW COULD
I WIN HIS
LOVE WHEN
I COULDN'T
ALTER
FACTS?

♥ NEXT
MONTH!



So you want to become
ENGAGED



BE SURE TO
BE NEAT!



ALWAYS STAY
SWEET!



GOOD MANNERS PAY.
USE THEM EVERY DAY!



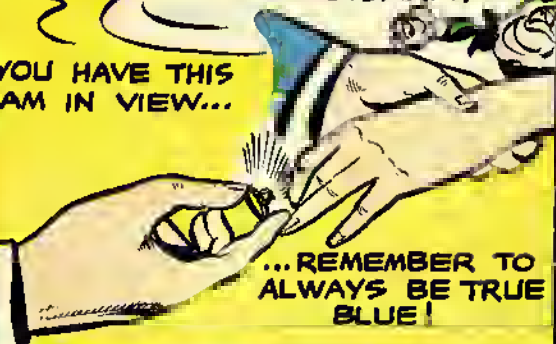
GRACIOUSNESS
IS CHARM,
AND FLOWERS
DISARM!



FRRIENDSHIPS TAKE A LEADING PART...
FIND A FRIEND, THEN LOSE YOUR HEART!



IF YOU HAVE THIS
DREAM IN VIEW...



...REMEMBER TO
ALWAYS BE TRUE
BLUE!